

**Remarks on the basis of Article 19 (1)**

Regarding the present invention, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 on the date of filing will be corrected and claim 2 will be withdrawn. Claims 9 and 10 will be newly added. In this correction, clearer description is made that groove width G and land width L are those "in a circumferential direction of rotation" in claims 1, 7, and 8. The grounds for the correction are based on paragraph 0007 and Fig. 7A through 8B.

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10 ("document 1" hereinafter) suggests that the ratio of groove width G to width L of a land next to the groove ranges from 2:1 to 1:5. However, no disclosure or suggestion is made for the idea that a region where groove width G is larger than width L is to be 80% or more of the region in which dynamic pressure generating grooves are formed.

15 Additionally, the present invention defines groove width G and land width L as those in a circumferential direction of rotation. Meanwhile, document 1 defines the widths of a groove and land as the diameter of a circle inscribed on the groove or land as defined in paragraphs 0016 and 0017. That is, the definition target is different 20 from that in the present invention. Therefore, ratio G:L of groove width G to land width L in the present invention targets a different position from that disclosed in document 1. Therefore, the decision that the value range of G:L in the present invention overlaps that in document 1 is unacceptable by any measure.